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AIR TRANSPORT SHOWS INCREASE

AIR TRANSPORT FIGURES LISTED -- Lidove Noviny, No 160, 12 Jul 49

The number of domestic transport flights by the Czechoslovak Airlines in the first quarter of this year was 790, compared to 96 in the same period last year; 1,220 international transport flights were made (1,216 in the same period 1948). On domestic routes, 171,000 kilometers were flown (30,000 in 1948); and in international traffic, 982,000 kilometers (1,015,000 in 1948). The number of passengers on domestic routes was 4,826 (771 in 1948); in international transport, there were 6,974 passengers (10,949 in 1948).

During this same period, foreign companies made 1,024 flights (1,337 in 1948) and flew 689,000 kilometers (959,000 in 1948), with 7,083 passengers (11,369 in 1948).

NEW SLOVAK BRIDGES BUILT -- Svobodne Slovo, No 158, 9 Jul 49

During the war, 2,036 highway bridges, totaling 31,007 meters in length, were destroyed in Slovakia. After the war, these were mostly replaced by wooden bridges. Four hundred and ninety bridges, totaling 6,200 meters in length, have been permanently restored or newly built, and work has begun on 133 bridges with a total length of 2,418 meters.

SABOTAGE OF TRAIN ATTEMPTED -- Rude Pravo, No 133, 5 Jun 49

Several days ago an attempt at sabotage was made on the Smichov-Radotin railroad line. The culprits apparently intending to derail a train which was to pass over the line in the morning hours, damaged the track by the detonation of an explosive.

Thanks to the alertness of the railroad employees, factory militia, and security organizations, a disaster was prevented.

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NEW STEAMER IN SERVICE ON VLTAVA -- Prace, No 171, 24 Jul 49

The new Vltava steamer Labe, built in the Ceskomoravska Kolben Danks Shipyard, set out on its first trip on 22 July. The steamer is 53 meters long, has a 9-meter beam, and has seats for 450 passengers. Powered by a 150-horsepower steam engine which generates a pressure of 15 atmospheres, the Labe is capable of a speed of 16 kilometers per hour.

Construction of the Labe was originally begun in 1940 but was soon suspended by the Germans, who wanted to convert it into a tug. Resumption of construction was delayed, and it was not until 1947 that it was decided to complete the steamer. It is intended mainly for excursion trips.

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